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Second Place For JMU Debaters



PAUL JONES/contributing photographer

JMU junior Sean Lowry argues alongside a Cornell debater about the coal industry at Wednesday's Madison Cup.

By **MATT SUTHERLAND**
contributing writer

There's a common witticism expressed by Jerry Seinfeld that the silver medal is nothing more than "almost winning." Don't tell that to the JMU debate team.

Teams from Wake Forest, Cornell, Johns Hopkins, Mary Washington and Appalachian State competed in the final round of the Madison Cup, a university debate tournament during Madison Week, Wednesday afternoon in Wilson Hall.

The 2009 trophy was awarded to the Cornell University team of Colman Stiteler and Emily Zhang. But the Dukes pulled in second place with seniors Sean Lowry and Shruti Chaganti, which had several debaters reveling. JMU varsity

debater Lowry noted the uphill battle it takes for smaller teams like JMU's to accomplish such a feat.

"JMU has the second smallest debate budget in the state, and to compete with and defeat teams with absolutely huge budgets like Wake Forest, it's incredible," Lowry said.

But Lowry and Chaganti have become the premier debaters for James Madison. Chaganti, who began competing in forensics at Chantilly High School in Virginia, won the 2007 Towson Debate Tournament. Lowry, who began debating in college, caught on quickly as he won his third-ever tournament.

The lights of the Wilson Hall Auditorium were dimmed

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Who Will Bear the Brunt of Break-ins?

By **KATIE THISDELL**
The Breeze

Students are reevaluating how to protect their residences and debating if police should be more vigilant in patrolling off-campus housing, after more than 14 student housing break-ins occurred in Harrisonburg over Spring Break.

The Harrisonburg Police Department says it is aware of the problems and does what it can, according to Mary-Hope Gangwer, the HPD public information officer.

"We didn't have specific assignments in any areas during the break, but it's known to us what's going on," Gangwer said.

She said officers drive through the off-campus housing areas as their schedules permit. This number varies based on the number of calls the department receives during each shift. She emphasized that HPD is responsible for the rest of Harrisonburg, too.

Senior Kenneth Douglas believes that students have just as much responsibility for their homes and should not rely on police patrols.

"All of us, including students, as well as the police and school, should not finger-point," Douglas said. "We should have a lot more discussion about how to better secure our neighborhoods."

Douglas said HPD should still increase its presence while students are gone.

"The neighborhoods are ghost towns when we're gone, pretty much," he said. "It doesn't take that long to drive through a neighborhood. I think just seeing a police car looking around every now and then, if you're scoping out a neighborhood to rob, then that's a deterrent. Just that."

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Rose Invests in Future Luxury Community

By **ANNA YOUNG**
The Breeze

JMU President Linwood Rose recently purchased property in Preston Lake, southeast of the university off Route 33.

The property was purchased from Preston Lake Homes, LLC, for just shy of \$551,192, according to the *Daily News-Record's* Real Estates Transfers printed on March 14.

Rose said that the purchase was just a future investment, and that nothing more was to be taken from it.

"I am not planning on retiring anytime soon," Rose said in an e-mail Friday afternoon.

However, he declined to comment on what he deemed were "personal questions," such as if he purchased the home in light of the economic downturn and low housing market prices and why he chose Preston Lake as a possible future home.

Each house in Preston Lake is custom designed and built to environmentally conscious standards, according to the developer's Web site.

The community will contain amenities and shops within walking distance of the residences, and will be built in the next few years.

Rose currently lives in university-provided housing at 916 Oak Hill Drive near Forest Hills.

BREEZE VIDEO



JMU sophomore Emily Dubas (left) crushed Christopher Newport University sophomore Mary Scott in three rounds of mixed martial arts action on Saturday.

■ [VIEW SLIDESHOW OF MULTIPLE FIGHTS AT BREEZEJMU.ORG](http://www.breezejmu.org)

Stabbing Victim Recovering

The victim of the stabbing in the parking lot of Dave's Taverna Express has been released from the hospital.

The unidentified male, whose name has not been released due to safety concerns, left the hospital Thursday.

The victim was stabbed multiple times just before midnight during a robbery on March 14 at 710 Port Republic Road.

Two suspects have been arrested. Michael Smith-Barrow, 26, of Franklin, W.Va., was arrested and charged with drug possession and robbery as a principle in the second degree.

Terry Harvey, 25, of Sugar Grove, W.Va., turned himself in Sunday night and faces charges for drug possession and malicious wounding. Both men's trials are set for April 21.

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Wal-Mart Text Messages a Long-Running Hoax

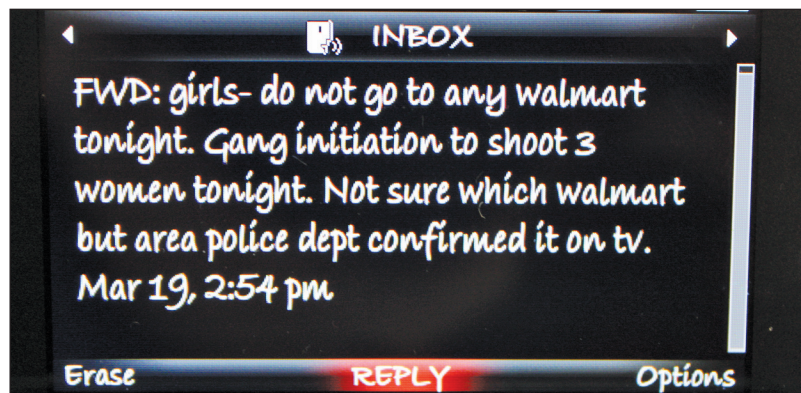
By **TIM CHAPMAN**
and **ASHTON SMITH**
The Breeze

The text message that made its way across the United States fortunately held no truth after many students received the warning Thursday afternoon.

The text message said, "FWD: girls - do not go to any walmart tonight. Gang initiation to shoot 3 women tonight. Not sure which walmart but area police dept confirmed it on tv. Mar 19, 2:54 pm"

"It was really scary," freshman Lauren Francisco said. "A lot of people received texts in class. I think we think Harrisonburg is this safe small town, but we do need to be precautionous."

Mary-Hope Gangwer, the Harrisonburg Police Department public information officer, said they heard



ADRIENNE GOLDBERG/The Breeze

This text message and similar takes of this message were sent out to students and residents in Harrisonburg and around the country Thursday.

multiple reports, but nothing panned out.

"We had gotten calls that three people got shot in Staunton," she said. "But it's not true, it's just part of

the rumors. We heard it through the grapevine along with this text."

Police all over the country looked into the matter but all determined that it was a hoax similar to one that

happened in 2005. The Web site snopes.com, which debunks urban legends and myths, posted on its site that it was indeed just a hoax and nothing more.

"I passed it along like it said to and then felt really stupid after the e-mail was sent out by JMU saying it was all a scam," said senior Katie Gaab. "Looking back I didn't even bother to think about who would start a text message chain like that and how credible such a source would be."

"Hopefully these things don't happen again, because it's such a pressing issue this year off campus; scams like these put us farther away from solving the issue."

However, although nothing happened in Harrisonburg, Gangwer still urges people to use the same personal safety habits they always do.

urge caution," she said.

State police sent out an e-mail, regarding the text messages, with the following message to media outlets advising citizens to not pay attention:

"After receiving numerous calls from concerned citizens about such messages, the Virginia Fusion Center immediately began looking into the matter. At this point, there is nothing verifiable about the text message and it has been determined to be a hoax and the threats not credible."

A similar text message began circulating in 2005 in Memphis, Tenn., and appears to have resurfaced within the past few weeks."

Wal-Mart released a statement from its headquarters in Bentonville, Ark., saying that the company "regards this as being only a rumor, much like similar rumors that have circulated via e-mail in previous years."

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World/National News

Three Policemen Die In Roadside Shooting

OAKLAND, Calif. — In one of the deadliest police shootings in California history, three Oakland officers were killed and a fourth gravely wounded in two incidents Saturday that began with a routine traffic stop, police officials said.

The officers who died were Sgt. Mark Dunakin, 40, Officer Ervin Romans, 43, and Sgt. Daniel Sakai, 35. Officer John Hege, 41, was in grave condition at Highland Hospital late Saturday.

The suspect, Lovelle Mixon, was also killed in the gunfire. Mixon, 27, was wanted on a no-bail warrant for violating his parole on a conviction of assault with deadly weapon.

The violence began at 1:08 p.m. when Dunakin and Hege, who were motorcycle officers, pulled over a 1995 Buick on MacArthur Boulevard in east Oakland. At 1:16 p.m., a call came into the department saying two officers were down and needed medical attention. The driver had stepped out of the car and fired at the officers before fleeing into the neighborhood, authorities said.

Police launched a “very extensive man-hunt,” said department spokesman Jeff Thomason. Several streets were blocked off and a helicopter flew overhead. Police then received a tip that a possible suspect was barricaded inside a nearby apartment building.

About 3:20 p.m., SWAT officers entered the multiunit building on 74th Avenue, down the street from the first shooting. Authorities said the suspect immediately fired at officers with an assault weapon, hitting three of them. SWAT officers “returned fire in defense of their lives,” Jordan said.

Romans and Sakai died. The third officer, who was not identified Saturday, was treated and released.

Obama Puts Focus On Mexican Drug War

WASHINGTON — President Obama is finalizing plans to move federal agents, equipment and other resources to the border with Mexico to support Mexican President Felipe Calderon’s campaign against violent drug cartels, according to U.S. security officials.

In Obama’s first major domestic security initiative, administration officials are expected to announce as early as this week a crackdown on the supply of weapons and cash moving from the United States into Mexico that helps sustain that country’s narco-traffickers, officials said.

The announcement sets the stage for Mexico City visits by three cabinet members, beginning Wednesday with Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and followed next week by Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. and Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano.

Napolitano, designated by Obama to convene a multi-agency security plan for the border, said the government is preparing plans to send more agents and intensify its investigation and prosecution of cartel-related activity in the United States. In addition, she said, the government may expand efforts to trace the sources of guns that move from the United States into Mexico.

Obama, who plans to visit Mexico in mid-April and has said he will have a “comprehensive policy” on border security in place within months, has elevated to the top of the agenda a subject that did not receive significant attention in the presidential campaign. His focus on Mexico follows a sharp increase in drug-related killings

in Mexican cities along the border, prompting fears in the United States of destabilization in the populous neighbor. Since the beginning of 2008, more than 7,200 people have died in drug-related violence, according to Mexican authorities.

Iraqi Prisoners Freed In Tense Environment

GARMA, Iraq — The release of hundreds of prisoners from Camp Bucca, a U.S.-run prison in southern Iraq, has facilitated the revival of Shiite militias and Sunni insurgents in Basra, Baghdad and the borderless expanse here along the Euphrates, according to police chiefs, intelligence officials in the Interior Ministry and residents.

Although none of them predicted a return to the anarchy and sectarian carnage of 2006-2007, when scores of bodies might show up in the street on any day, officials suggested that the groups were preparing for the onset of a U.S. military withdrawal.

Their warnings make for an irony at the beginning of the end of the American presence here. As the United States dismantles Bucca, viewed by many as an appalling miscarriage of justice where prisoners were not charged or permitted to see evidence against them, freed detainees may end up swelling the ranks of a subdued insurgency.

In hardscrabble Shiite neighborhoods of Baghdad, some former inmates of Bucca speak of revenge. Others talk of their own conversion there: as prisoners, giving their support to militants loyal to Moqtada al-Sadr, an anti-American cleric whose forces were routed in Baghdad and Basra last year. A sense of uncertainty reigns in the forlorn stretches around Garma, a wind-swept town as parched as it is lawless, as Sunni residents brace for the return of dozens of fighters and such men as Col. Saad Abbas Mahmoud, the police chief here, openly admit to being overwhelmed by their influx.

“These men weren’t planting flowers in a garden. They weren’t strolling down the street,” said Mahmoud, known as Abu Quteiba to his lieutenants, who snap their heels as they enter. “This problem is both big and dangerous. And regrettably, the Iraqi government and the authorities don’t know how big the problem has become.”

Since leading the invasion of Iraq and overthrowing Saddam Hussein in April 2003, the United States has detained about 100,000 people in the country. At the height of the U.S. troop buildup, or “surge,” 26,000 of those prisoners were incarcerated in Bucca, a sprawling camp near the Kuwaiti border in southern Iraq. That number has fallen to 9,600. In all, since Jan. 1, the military has released nearly 2,000 prisoners, and it plans to close the facility by summer.

Pressure Intensifies For Economic Summit

PARIS — Since immediately after the global economic crisis erupted seven months ago, France’s whirlwind president, Nicolas Sarkozy, has been arguing that more regulation of international finance has to be a big part of the solution.

The message, however, has not been embraced as enthusiastically as he would like in Washington, where people are leery of putting power in the hands of international bureaucrats. So as preparations intensify for a key economic summit April 2 in London, Prime Minister Francois Fillon was dispatched to New York and Washington this weekend to press the Obama

administration to pay more attention to Sarkozy’s repeated appeals.

The Group of 20 gathering, where President Obama will make his debut in global summitry, must be a “major event” demonstrating that he and other world leaders are able to act decisively to resolve the crisis and not just talk about it, Fillon said in an interview Friday shortly before boarding his plane.

“We have to issue a number of firm decisions,” he added, previewing his message to Washington. “If the image of this round of the G-20 is an image of impotence, that would be dramatic.”

Fillon usually leaves the spade-work on Sarkozy’s major diplomatic initiatives to Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner or Sarkozy’s experienced foreign policy adviser, Jean-David Levitte.

But Fillon said his meetings Monday, with Vice President Joe Biden and Lawrence H. Summers, head of Obama’s National Economic Council, were designed to “put the full weight of the French government” behind the suggestions on what should come out of the London summit.

Diplomatic exchanges between France and the United States have demonstrated the two countries share the same analysis about the crisis, he said, but not about what to do next to bring it under control.

French officials sometimes feel the Obama administration’s Treasury Department is not fielding a complete team and consequently is timid in the struggle to come up with strong proposals for the London summit.

The French government has been running at full speed on the crisis since September, he noted, while Obama has yet to get all his senior economic aides into position and the U.S. Embassy in Paris has been operating without an ambassador since the inauguration.

‘Old, Fat People... Get Ignored’

LOS ANGELES — The rate of foot amputations from complications of diabetes has soared over the last 15 years, reaching about 100,000 per year in the United States alone, according to studies and government statistics.

Vascular surgeon Dr. George Andros of Los Angeles and hundreds of other health professionals from around the world are trying to figure out what to do about it. In concluding a three-day meeting on diabetic feet Saturday in Los Angeles, they contend that the amputation rate is simply too high, even considering the growing prevalence of the disease.

The fact that a few nations have lowered their rates to far below that of the United States shows that it is possible to reduce the loss of limbs.

But the problem is extraordinarily complex, highlighting the inadequacies and disparities often inherent in this nation’s health-care system. Diabetic amputees are often racial minorities, poor, obese or elderly, according to government data. And preventing the amputations requires vigilance and, often, expensive medical care.

“These are old people, fat people, people who get ignored,” says Andros, a vascular surgeon at Providence Saint Joseph and Providence Holy Cross medical centers and co-chairman of the Diabetic Foot Global Conference.

The numbers, and the disparities, probably will grow. The proportion of Americans with diabetes, now 8 percent of the population, is expected to double in the next 10 years as more young people develop the disease due to obesity.

— The Washington Post and Los Angeles Times

POLICE LOG

Property Damage

On March 17 a JMU employee reported \$1,000 worth of damage to a gate on Soccer Field Service Drive.

Larceny

A JMU student reported the theft of a resident parking decal from a vehicle in the R-1 lot on March 17.

Want to see more?

Visit breezejmu.org for more photos from Paul’s Walk and a video from the Madison Cup debate.

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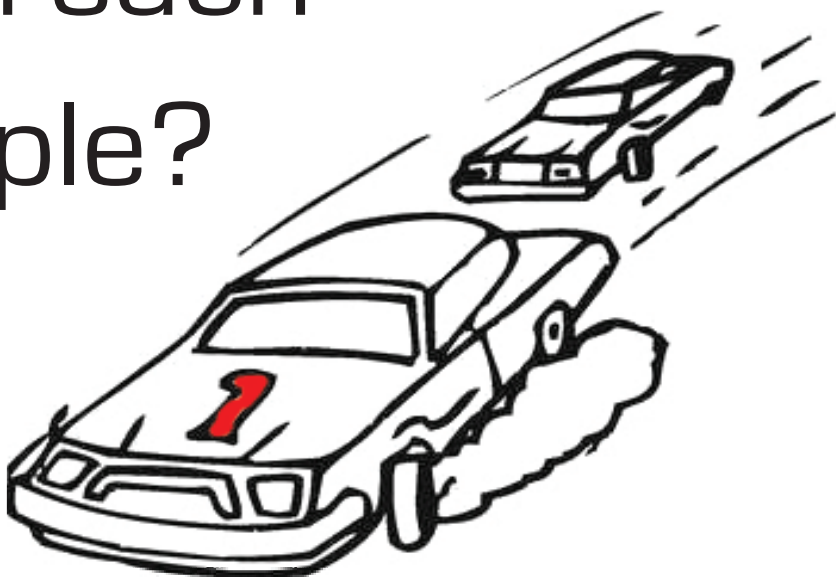
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Face to Face With Art

New sculpture from acclaimed artist, outside Duke Hall, will stay for at least two years

By **JOHN SUTTER**
The Breeze

What might look like a massive sculpted concrete rock in the Duke Hall Sculpture Garden is actually a head lying on its side. The face is peering across South Main Street at Anthony-Seeger Hall.

Ledelle Moe, an acclaimed artist, installed her sculpture "Collapse" in the Sculpture Garden on Saturday. Originally from Durban, South Africa, Moe is the chair of the Sculpture Department at Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore.

The new sculpture is part of her series of sculptures based on anonymous por-

traits. Moe's sculpture was put together on Saturday from several different concrete pieces.

"We're interested in sculpture in the public space, where people can see it from the street, make their way through the garden, and see it close up," said Leslie Bellavance, director of the School of Art and Art History.

Bellavance said the school tries to add new sculptures and pieces to the garden every two years. The art galleries committee decided to use "Collapse" and invited Moe to display her work at JMU.

Last week, Moe presented a lecture to

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AMY GWALTNEY/The Breeze

The face in front of Duke Hall was sculpted by Ledelle Moe as part of her series of sculptures based on anonymous portraits. The sculpture is named "Collapse."

Hookah Hosed?

Bars must change if Virginia smoking ban not altered



JESSICA DODDS/The Breeze

Greg Whitcomb, a Harrisonburg resident, enjoys hookah at Firetop Bar and Grill, the only hookah bar in Harrisonburg.

By **ANTHONY ESPOSITO**
contributing writer

Hookah bars across the state of Virginia are scrambling to determine how recent legislation passed by the Virginia General Assembly will affect their business.

This smoking ban, unlike similar legislation passed throughout the country, makes no exception for hookah bars, (which receives a large portion of their revenue from hookah smokers). This puts Harrisonburg's only hookah bar, Firetop Bar and Grill, in a precarious position if it is going to be required to comply with the

legislation.

Firetop said that they have until December to see if they have to follow the legislation and are currently working to avoid closing.

"We're going to take a close look at the legislation and make any necessary changes by December," manager Justin Seery said.

The law will be implemented on Dec. 1 and restaurant patrons and employees will no longer be able to smoke in establishments without the specified separate smoking sections.

If forced by the ban to stop offering hookah smoking, Firetop will rely on its

Middle Eastern cuisine and bar to support the establishment, according to Seery.

With Gov. Kaine trying to include hookah bars in the bill, there are still some hookah bar owners fighting for exemption in the final write-up of the bill. The final write-up will happen in the coming months.

In February the assembly passed a bill banning smoking in public establishments. On March 9, Gov. Tim Kaine signed the bill, which prohibits smoking in Virginia's bars and restaurants that do not have a walled-off smoking section or smoking sections with separate ventilation.

Makeover: Senate Edition

By **AMY PASSARETTI**
The Breeze

The Senate could soon be down a number of senators.

Student Government Association will be structured differently next year due to a bill proposed by Student Body Vice President Dan Stana that would increase "accountability."

He proposed this bill in March 2008 for the current school year.

The bill has a set number of senators allowed for each category of representation: residence halls, academic colleges, class council, at-large senators and graduate students.

For example, instead of having one senator for each residence hall, there would be groups of residence halls considered under one area, such as the Village and Hillside. The amount of senators for each area will be proportional to the population of that area. The same proportionality applies to academic colleges.

But with elections in April, some felt it would affect the potential success of the change.

"Many felt it was too short of a time frame to come into effect," Stana said.

The new setup will accommodate fewer senators, but is aimed at fulfilling Stana's vision of better student representation. Those who support the bill feel that with fewer people, more things could get done. But his bill's goal was met with opposition.

Right now there are 74 senators and no limit to the amount the senate can have. By limiting the number to 66, Stana hopes it will "increase accountability," as each person would be responsible for a larger number of constituents.

By increasing competition to be part of the organization, only the most qualified students would represent the student body, according to Stana.

One student feels limiting the number of senators allowed in SGA may be ineffective.

"You're limiting the number of voices when you have less people," freshman Travis Brown said.

At-large Sen. Areizo Said agrees and strongly opposed the bill's proposition last year.

"Fewer people with fewer views, that's not

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Paul's Walk Exceeds Goal

By **ASHTON SMITH and KATE McFARLAND**
The Breeze and contributing writer

After living a healthy and active life with his family and friends for 53 years, Paul Massey's body began to slowly degenerate. At first he lost control of muscle movements in his limbs, but by the end he could no longer chew, speak or even breathe.

He died of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), better known as Lou Gehrig's disease, on Sept. 19, 2005.

Paul Massey was the parent of four children, including Peter, a 2005 JMU graduate. After his father passed away, Peter decided to memorialize his father's battle with a walk in his honor.

With the help of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority and the rest of his Phi Kappa Phi brothers, Peter Massey organized the first Paul's Walk in January 2006.

This year's walk took place Saturday at Festival and attendance was high.

An estimated 272 walkers and runners came out to walk the new 5k path around the JMU campus, according to senior coordinator Matthew O'Connor.

The group raised \$10,584, exceeding what they expected, according to O'Connor. But their main goal wasn't money, it was teaching students about the disease.

The event coordinators didn't think they could raise

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KATIE LYVERS/contributing photographer

Hundreds gather to join in Paul's Walk, which raises awareness for Lou Gehrig's disease. The group raised more than \$10,000.

SGA: Election Applications Due Wednesday in Taylor Hall 203

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another way of making things run smoothly," she said. "With more people the more help you have, the stronger [SGA] can be."

Since JMU is growing, Said feels SGA should be growing as well. The proposed downsizing could lead to fewer opportunities to hear students' concerns if there are fewer people, according to her.

SGA further proposed streamlining its organization by passing another bill that would decrease the number of executive staff and council positions and outline their different responsibilities.

"We want to increase efficiency with the least amount of people," Chief of Staff Trisha Farley said. "More people isn't always better."

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and comment on this story on whether or not you think SGA is making the right decision by cutting down the number of senators.

SGA ELECTIONS

Candidate packets for SGA major elections are due March 25 at 5 p.m. in the SGA office, Taylor Hall 203. These positions are open to any JMU student and applications can be found online at sga.jmu.edu.

Positions available are for Student Body President, Vice President of Administrative Affairs, Vice President of Student Affairs, Student Representative to the Board of Visitors, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Class Council Officers, and Academic College Senators.

Residence hall senator elections will be held in the fall.

NEW SGA BREAKDOWN

Seats will decrease from 74 to 66

COLLEGE SENATORS — 25

College of Arts and Letters — 6
College of Business — 6
College of Education — 2
College of Integrated Science and Technology — 7
College of Science and Math — 2
College of Visual and Performing Arts — 2

DORM SENATORS — 15

Hillside — 1
Lakeside — 2
Bluestone — 3
Skyline — 3
Village — 4
Tree Houses/Greek Row/Rockingham — 2

CLASS COUNCIL — 16

(4 from each class)

AT-LARGE SENATORS — 8

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATORS — 2

See page 8 for Spring Break Photo Contest rules.

FACE: Artist is Award-Winning Sculptor



PAUL JONES/contributing photographer

Artist Ledelle Moe pieces together "Collapse" in the Duke Hall Sculpture Garden on Saturday.

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art students, met with graduate students, critiqued students' work and then installed her piece in the garden.

Recent projects include large-scale concrete installations in Socrates Sculpture Park in New York City, the Pratt Institute in New York City and Decatur Blue in Washington, D.C.

Moe won the Joan Mitchell Foundation Award in 2002, which includes a grant that allows painters and sculptors to continue their work.

"Collapse" will remain in the sculpture garden for two years and then be returned to Moe.

Moe declined to comment on the addition of "Collapse" to the sculpture garden.

Kicking for Kutner



EVAN MCGREW/The Breeze

Alpha Tau Omega member junior Sean Youngberg competes in a kickball tournament sponsored by the Student Ambassadors to benefit the Carrie Kutner Scholarship Program. Twelve teams totaling more than 150 students participated on Saturday. ATO won and received a JMU-themed kickball.

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Keefer Law Corner

Virginia's Intoxilyzer 5000 find Alcohol where none exists

A middle aged lady was arrested for DUI in July, 2008 in Harrisonburg, Virginia after a one car crash. She was taken to the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department and indirectly tested for alcohol in her blood by the Intoxilyzer 5000 situated there, SN 68-001998 ("SN 1998").

SN 1998's breath test stated this lady had a blood alcohol content of over .60 BAC, a lethal dose of alcohol. Yet she did not die.

Two hours later this same lady's actual blood was tested for alcohol. That blood test reported zero alcohol present in her blood.

The gadget found alcohol that did not exist -- something scientists refer to as a false positive. Without the July 2008 actual blood test we would not know that SN 1998 was "seeing" alcohol where none existed.

The Intoxilyzer 5000 is the breath alcohol tester still used in many parts of Virginia. This contraption claims to measure the alcohol in the subject's blood by measuring the alcohol in the subject's breath.

In 2005 Virginia state employees admitted in internal documents that these Intoxilyzer 5000s were "dated, unstable and unreliable". By 2008, SN 1998 was in terrible shape as were most of Virginia's breath testers. The manufacturer was no longer following this model and replacement parts were hard to find.

SN 1998 experienced overheating and unexplained electrical failures. SN 1998 employed substandard, untested parts including motors. By 2008, state employees claimed they did not know what motor was originally issued with this model.

SN 1998 was kept in service until late November, 2008 when it was replaced with Virginia's new breath alcohol tester, the EC/IR II. Virginia employees admit this new tester is no more accurate than the dated, unstable and unreliable SN 1998 model.

We can only wonder how many innocent people have been and will be wrongfully convicted by Virginia's "dated, unstable and unreliable" breath test contraptions. We can only wonder how many innocent people will be wrongfully convicted by the new breath testing contraption.

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By ASHTON SMITH
The Breeze

March Madness has turned into money madness. Zinch.com has offered prospective and current students the opportunity to win a \$20,000 scholarship. The winner of the scholarship will be determined by popular vote through a bracket-style selection. Participants were selected based on academic achievement and the embodiment of Zinch's motto that students are more than a test score, according to the

college recruiting Web site. Zinch.com allows colleges and universities around the world to look at what students are doing and who they are, beyond their standardized test scores. The competition, called The 2009 Zinch Sweet Diggity Dawg, will be decided after America chooses which person will win. Hundreds of high school students are interested in JMU, but none of those students are left in the running for the scholarship. Only 64 finalists were chosen out of more than 1,700 qualified winners. Six additional students were selected

through the Cinderella 6, a process that rewards creativity and networking. Students qualified by referring the most people to Zinch, making the best YouTube video about Zinch or creating the most popular Facebook/MySpace group, according to the Web site. The popular voting consists of three rounds; two preliminary rounds: state and regional. The third and final round is the 64-student bracket that is nationwide, according to the Web site. Voting began Feb. 25 and goes through April 10 with the winner being announced just five days later.

DEBATE: Greener Energy Discussed

Debate, from front and the stage lights were glowing. More than 250 seats were filled and camera shutters as well as students were clapping The eighth annual Madison Cup looked more like the 2008 presidential debates than a typical university tournament. The tournament, now in its eighth year, carries a common form of debate known as Mace. This style, as explained by communication studies professor and debate moderator John Stone, is a format with more than one team presenting the same point of view. The Madison Cup happened to fall on the Wednesday of Madison Week, a celebration encompassing the bicentennial of the inauguration of our university's namesake. Lowry believes the debate is a good example of the academic fundamentals that Madison would practice. "Madison was a thinker of all sorts, and I certainly think this is a topic he would like us to discuss in a debate," Lowry said. With a jury consisting of Harrisonburg Mayor Kai Degner, radio personality Jim Bohannon and several JMU professors and debate aficionados, the sides debated heavily for the entire evening on the issue of clean coal and its place



PAUL JONES/contributing photographer
Junior Shruti Chaganti speaks at the eighth annual Madison Cup held in Wilson Hall.

among greener energy sources. This topic is relevant for teams like Appalachian State and JMU in the mountain regions.

While the issue itself doesn't appear as immediate as the economy, some debaters agree that it will be one of the most important long-term policies of our generation. "These energy economies are not irreplaceable, and I don't think we should have to sacrifice the beautiful sceneries like in Boone or the rest of the Appalachias just to feed it," Lowry said. "It's a long-term policy goal that most students and citizens alike need to keep their eye on, especially when we get older." A member of the Cornell team affirmed Lowry's thoughts. "Coal is an integral part of our society as Americans, but communities in this area and others have to deal with the dirty aspects of it, such as air pollution and other health concerns," said Emily Zhang, treasurer of the Cornell debate team. Many people were enlightened by the arguments, no matter why they came. Freshman Mike Efstathios, who had to come for a class, found the debate to be very intriguing. "I was actually attending for extra credit, but I found their arguments to be well researched and interesting," Efstathios said.

WALK: Economy Worried Organizers

Walk, from page 3 as much because of the nation's financial crisis. "We were very pleased with not only the turnout Saturday, but also the amount of money we raised due to the current economic situation," O'Connor said. "As we planned this event we did not expect to reach over \$10,000 like years in the past." All money raised by Paul's Walk is directly sent to the National ALS Association, which informs people about ALS and its effects on the body. "With ALS, the patients become trapped in their bodies, and the most horrible thing is that their brain is fully functioning," said Cathy Easter, Virginia regional director of the ALS Association. Since the first walk three years ago, the Greek organizations have raised more money than any other college in Virginia for Lou Gehrig's disease.

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"Without the JMU students, we would not be able to provide services such as transporting ALS sufferers or enabling communication through technology because it is cost-prohibitive for some families," Easter said. They began seeking donations in late 2008 by sending out donation request cards to their friends and family and seeking the support of local businesses, but this year has been a little more difficult challenging. "What makes it particularly difficult this year is that people aren't as willing to donate because of the economy," O'Connor said. "Maybe we will not raise as much money, but at least we still did it for the family." O'Connor's relationship with the Massey family is of particular inspiration to keep him motivated because he has been friends with one of the Massey children since high school. A personal goal the two coordinators hope to overcome is the lack of awareness regarding ALS. Approximately 5,600 cases of ALS are diagnosed each year, and it mainly affects Caucasian males between the ages of 40 and 70. "One of the hardest parts about raising money for ALS within colleges is that students do not know anyone who has suffered from it and therefore aren't aware of its existence," Easter said.

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BALANCE: Students Notice More Warnings

Balance, from front little bit of difference." JMU Chief of Police Lee Shifflett said his department does not log patrol patterns. While he said HPD is responsible for policing off-campus areas, JMU police checks off-campus as their time permits. "We still have the responsibility of patrolling campus even on break, and with over 160 buildings and over 600 acres, that is challenging in itself," Shifflett said in an e-mail. "Add to that the sporting events such as the CAA Women's [basketball] Tournament and you can see we are busy on campus."

Senior Elaine Roberts

said she normally feels safe in her Squire Hills apartment, where she stays even during JMU's breaks. Her large black dogs let her know if something isn't right, she said. For example, the weekend of March 13, before she received the Timely Notice e-mails, Roberts thought her apartment was being broken in to. Luckily, she said, her dogs scared away a possible intruder. "I think the police department is good about letting us know and keeping us aware of what's going on," she said. "It wouldn't hurt to do more during breaks," Roberts added.

Senior Kevin Garriss, a

criminal justice major, takes the recommended precautions on breaks, including having insurance, taking his valuables home and keeping a record of serial numbers. "I doubt that most people really do that," Garriss said. He has noticed a spike in criminal activity over the last three years. "It's really not the police's job," Garriss said. "Harrisonburg is a really big place and a lot of people don't really notice that." However, freshman James Stewart said after seeing both JMU and HPD police cars patrolling the city throughout the year, he expects them to continue during breaks.

"I think it's pretty evident they're not doing what they should be," Stewart said. "How can they miss seven dudes walking around? For that one week they should do more." By March 15, HPD arrested seven suspects linked to the break-ins.



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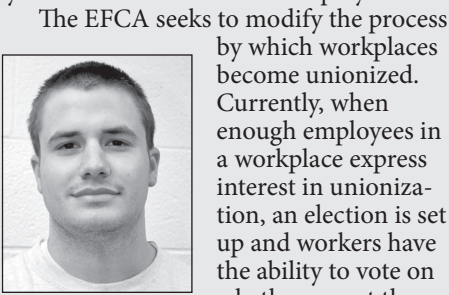
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ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM

Workers Need Private Vote

Employee Free Choice Act would promote harrassment, pressure

Most people know not to judge a book by its cover. Most people in Washington, D.C. know not to judge a law by its name. Case in point: The law currently floating around the chambers of Congress named the Employee Free Choice Act (EFCA) which, wouldn't you know, would effectively eliminate free choice for employees.



JASON YAWORSKE

The EFCA seeks to modify the process by which workplaces become unionized. Currently, when enough employees in a workplace express interest in unionization, an election is set up and workers have the ability to vote on whether or not they want to unionize by way of a secret ballot. The EFCA would effectively de-democratize that process, where instead unionization would occur if union bosses could persuade (politely, one would assume) 51 percent of workers to sign a card expressing interest in unionization. No debate, no election; a union is then established on-the-spot for all workers, even though, currently, union bosses don't even give elections a serious chance unless they can get about 75 percent of employees to sign those cards.

Whether you are a cynic or a romantic, the real-life effects of this law shouldn't be too difficult to figure out. George McGovern, perhaps the most liberal candidate to ever run for president, has certainly fallen into the romantic category throughout his life when it comes to unions. Therefore, it should give reason to pause when his name pops up on commercials, op-eds and fund-

raisers to combat this Democratic initiative.

"There are many documented cases where workers have been pressured, harassed, tricked and intimidated into signing cards that have led to mandatory payment of dues," said McGovern in an editorial for the *Wall Street Journal*.

Former union bosses — those no longer with a stake in the issue — tend to agree. Joe Brock, former union president and teamsters organizer, notes that "union leaders are salivating at the prospect of the EFCA. They don't want debate in the workplace, they want workers to sign that card and bypass the election process."

“What is evident here is that all-too-familiar trapping of elitism...”

There is a good reason why politicians are not allowed to vote anonymously on bills: so that their constituents and other interested parties can exert influence on them with penalties and rewards. Why else would union bosses want to know how workers are voting so badly?

"Just think about a guy like me showing up at your doorstep talking to you about the union," says Salvatore Clemente, a former Electrical Workers Organizer who makes Tony Soprano look like Dennis Kucinich. "Intimidation goes a long way, and you know, that's exactly what it would be." Of the EFCA, McGovern has said, "I

have listened to all [the] arguments, and reviewed the facts on both sides. Quite simply, this proposed law cannot be justified." He finds it "hard to believe that any politician would agree to a law denying millions of employees the right to a private vote.

"I think much of the congressional support is based on a desire to give our friends among union leaders what they want," he continued. Those "friends" are the kinds that politicians want to please, considering that the AFL-CIO alone donated around \$450 million to Obama's campaign last year and engaged in massive campaigning and voter turnout efforts on his and other Democrats' behalf.

The pure cynicism required to support this law may seem to many people out of reach even for Congress. Yet the bill already passed the House in 2007 and has recently been reintroduced to the current Congress, which will no doubt pass it again. President Obama and Labor Secretary Hilda Solis have both said that signing the EFCA is one of the administration's foremost legislative priorities.

Some people, fully aware of the moral bankruptcy and anti-democratic nature of this bill, support it nonetheless because they believe that increased unionization is a good thing for workers. What is evident here is that all-too-familiar trapping of elitism: believing that one knows what's best for other people better than they know themselves.

Yet, to again paraphrase McGovern: Those who believe that unions help provide a voice for the unheard should not push to silence those who would speak.

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GUEST COLUMN
NICK MELAS

Modern Sophists

Argument must be grounded in belief

James Madison Day has always been an exciting opportunity to watch what is hailed as one of the most civilized, democratic tools for conflict mediation: debate.

The ability to respectfully challenge the most mundane and the most radical assumptions of the day is essential. In fact it is this quest for truth, one that does not accept conventions or prevailing contemporary beliefs without thorough critique; that has been the most inspiring thing about being a university student. In our own university's words, debate is about "being the change."

In this year's debate, "Deliberating the wisdom of coal technologies in our nation's energy future," arguments for clean energy included deaths caused by coal companies and the dam spill of 1.1 billion gallons of highly poisonous coal sludge that happened during Winter Break near Knoxville, Tenn.

A Cornell University debater, arguing in support of coal, flippantly responded with the argument that the death of a young boy was not caused by the coal industry, just as a car company is not responsible for a car accident. The anti-coal side touched on topics such as cost, and much of that side's argument hinged upon the concept of so-called "clean coal" technologies.

The pro-coal side neglected to acknowledge that the only reason coal is touted as cheap is because we externalize the "cost" of accidental deaths, treatment for diseases, compensation for disability, massive environmental degradation, clean-up and all the implications of such disasters like the latest in Tennessee, of which there are many examples (there were two other near Appalachia since last semester alone). The pro-coal side also neglected the fact that there are currently no fully "clean coal" plants in existence, or that, according to senior ISAT energy/environment major Ryan Powanda, "There is no technology that can actually make the toxic byproducts of burning coal go away. They only shift air pollution into the water or into the ground."

I talked with one debater who argued in support of coal afterward, who explained that personally, he didn't believe in coal and felt coal companies were ruthless by nature. In fact, he had worked on carbon sequestration projects in the past and felt they too were a nonstarter.

But what will come of this debate? Was it a win for Cornell or was it a win for coal? I paid attention closely, yet I'm unsure what the meaning of all this was. I understand games and sports: We play for the love of them. But aiding ruthless corporations in poisoning people's lives, robbing people of their youth — is this ethical?

These aren't the qualms of a sore loser; rather, there's an important question here. Should debate be considered a sport, a flexing of the verbal argument-spinning muscle? Should our society really be rewarding the ability to convince people of things they know to be morally wrong or unfounded? I guess this concept of debate is one that people accept because "that's just the way it is," but I challenge the validity of an institution that in any way sanctions the educational oppression of the masses.

I believe that people who know more are inclined to control those who know less. A society that rewards deceitful, calculated mind games breeds politicians that get away with lies and corruption. We must reward what is right, not what is fed to us — not in a democracy.

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THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

Twitter: a Clean Alternative

When I recently joined Twitter, yet another online networking community, I justified it by the fact that you never know who could be looking at your profile: maybe someone who happens to stumble upon you thinks you are well qualified for



SARAH DELIA

a super dream job you've been waiting for. Perhaps it's an old friend who you can reconnect with. Maybe it's someone who wants to stalk you and know what you're doing every hour of the day. With graduation rapidly approaching, I'll take my chances on the stalkers and hope for a dream employer. What's great about this social networking site is not only that it is named after a bird's mouth-speak, it's Facebook for minimalists — or least for a person trying to be one. I'm the opposite of a minimalist; my room is messy, I keep every paper I've ever written and have a hard time getting rid of old clothes. But when I'm forced to describe myself in a 160-character profile, I do feel like a minimalist — and it feels good. It gives me the false sense that something in my life is uncluttered and to the point.

For all of you who haven't joined Twitter (believe me, you will) it's simplicity at its best. All you can really do is upload a background, write a short bio and post "updates" at a maximum of 140 characters. You can "follow" people (view their updates) and can also be "followed." It does sound creepy, but once you get into it you're hooked. You can also message people (in 140 characters or less) if you so desire.

It's the easy-to-use Facebook and MySpace our parents have been waiting for: Just type and click in the boxes allotted. There are no groups to join, events to attend or interests to list. You merely exist in 140 characters or less.

Many times in social networking circles on the Internet (ahem, Facebook), we feel a certain amount of obligation to accept someone's friend

request or friend certain people for one reason or another. I haven't experienced that same feeling of obligation to be friends with everybody on Twitter. If I like someone, I follow them and if I don't want someone following me, then I decline their request. Twitter doesn't have that gruesome, serious status that sites like Facebook do where you find out who breaks up through a news feed.

With Twitter, you can't post your age, sexuality or relationship status. If you're feeling the need to be descriptive, there's a spot to describe or state your current geographic location. I've inadvertently followed a former English professor of mine as well as Sen. Mark Warner, who uses Twitter to update his constituents and fellow citizens on business.

You can find Tina Fey, Barack Obama (although no one is sure if this is the actual president; I wouldn't hold my breath) and even indie groups like Band of Horses who are jumping on the bandwagon to keep their fans informed. Organizations like NPR, PETA and the ACLU have official pages giving "followers" updates as to what their organization is working on. Even local papers like *The Leader* in Tennessee have wisely created accounts to publish news breaks and ask for readers' suggestions on stories they should be covering.

Twitter is unique in its simplistic layout and upfront approach to what it's trying to achieve: updates on what you're doing in your life. Hopefully it won't reach the state of ridiculousness Facebook has. With only 140 characters to update your status, it's hard to air your dirty laundry (although possible) compared to the essays of notes and posts you can provide for your "friends" on other sites.

What I appreciate most about Twitter is its honesty. We've all snooped around others' Facebook pages or lingered a little longer than we'd like to admit on an individual's MySpace page. But in the land of Twitter you "follow" people or are being "followed" — which is essentially what you've been doing with other online communities. Now we're just using the correct labels.

“...it's Facebook for minimalists — or least for a person trying to be one.”

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A New Bro-mantic Comedy

'I Love You, Man'
not typical guy flick

By **EMILY BROWN**
contributing writer

If you are a fan of “the awkward moment,” then you will enjoy “I Love You, Man.” It is the story of Peter Klavin, a real estate agent who has just proposed to his girlfriend, Zooey. Peter has always been a “girlfriend guy,” a man who poured himself into his relationships, and never got the chance to make any real male friends. Faced with the predicament of being best man-less at his wedding, Peter sets out on a quest to find a best friend.

Awkwardness abounds in this film, but that is where its strength lies. The things that Peter says are ridiculous, and the audience was often laughing out loud. Paul Rudd (“Role Models”), plays Peter Klavin, and plays a convincingly cute and loveable nerd who often has no idea what to do or say in social situations. This role is one of

Rudd’s first as a lead character, and should be counted as a success. His perfect line delivery and body language work well for the dork that Peter is.

Peter’s most promising candidate for the “new best friend” title is Sydney Fife, played by Jason Segel (“Forgetting Sarah Marshall”). Sydney is a difficult person to read, but Segel plays all of the varying aspects of the character quite well. He’s an investment banker whose pastimes include going to classy open houses to pick up divorcees, spending time in his “man cave” and not picking up after his dog when it poops on the sidewalk. He’s extremely perceptive, but gives off the appearance of a disheveled bum half the time. Despite the seeming incongruousness in his character, he is an entertaining counterpart to Peter Klavin, and their interactions are often what create the awkward moments that are the highlight of the film.

Overall, “I Love You, Man” is a fun film. Skillful acting, a funny and eclectic group of minor characters, an interesting plot and hilarious dialogue make the movie a success.

A note to potential viewers: It was pleasantly surprising that despite its R rating, the film does not have any excessively vulgar or disgusting moments. You see a couple of people vomit, and Sydney has a “masturbation station” in the “man-cave,” but that’s about the worst of it. Don’t worry; you don’t have to see Jason Segel naked, like you did in “Forgetting Sarah Marshall.” “I Love You, Man” is most likely rated R because of the frequent use of profanity, which actually added to the comedy.



JAKE THIEWES/contributing photographer

Matt Pitzer from Princeton, W.Va., chisels blocks of bluestone outside of the new Performing Arts Center. Sculptors can be seen on the Quad most days carving new stones for the tunnel and the building.

SHAPING JMU

Stone masons sculpt new bluestones

By **GABRIEL HENRIQUEZ**
The Breeze

A distinct, steady clinking reverberates throughout the Quad most mornings. It is the sound of steel mallets and two-inch chisels carving slabs of bluestone that will cover the face of the tunnel at the foot of the Quad. Across the street even more stone is being chiseled for the Performing Arts Center, which is currently under construction.

The soft clinking has been a familiar sound on the JMU campus since construction began in 1908. Imitating the design and style of the original bluestone campus, the current stone masons are chiseling the rectangular stones to give them a similar texture to their older counter parts — using the same method the stone masons did a century ago.

“They come basically squared-up,” said David Kanagy, one of the stone masons

working on the tunnel’s stones. “We come in and chisel them out to put a final dressed face on them. That extra dressed bull face definitely gives the stone more of a dressed look than just flat surface stone. It’s much more pleasing aesthetically.”

According to Kanagy, a stone mason of more than 30 years, the bluestone area follows an ashlar style. Ashlar is characterized by large rectangular blocks, which give the building “a structural look.” This contrasts with other styles, like that of the entrance to Carrier Library, which is smoother.

The bluestone comes from the Frazier Quarry Inc. in western Harrisonburg. The quarry that was hired by JMU, states on its Web site, “a variety of limestone, ‘bluestone’ got its name due to its dark blue-gray color that, over time, weathers to a light gray.” The quarry refers to

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MIKE CHECK

‘Spring Break, Woooooowooo!’

Debauchery abounds in Panama adventure

I could feel it in the air like Phil Collins. It was that wonderful time of year again, the small grace period between the pimp slaps of winter winds and the “I’m-standing-still-but-I’m-sweating” heat of the summer. We’ve all worked pretty hard, right? I think it’s time we had a break from being productive and making gains in our academic careers.

So put off all your work so that when you return you’re drowning in it — it’s Spring Break!

I decided to go to Panama City, Fla., for break. Panama City is a wonderful place where people have photos taken of them that will ruin any hopes of having a career, and STDs are traded like Pokémon cards. There’s something about the beach and exorbitant amounts of alcohol that make people lose any sort of morality they once had.

You can pretty much say or do anything and still be cool, as long as you scream “SPRING BREAK, WOOO!” at the end. Let’s say you fall down, break your nose and you’re bleeding profusely, causing a huge scene. All you have to do is say “SPRING BREAK, WOOO!” Everyone will cheer, and some trashy girl will probably make out with you.

Lil’ Wayne was there, too, at the MTV resort. People lost their minds, even though he was about four hours late. There’s something about Lil’ Wayne that makes Caucasian females go absolutely nuts; he’s like white-girl crack.

I even had fun on the car ride down to Panama City. I’m from Northern Virginia, which might as well be another state. Driving through the South was a new experience for me. Judging by the billboards, southerners love exceptionally dangerous fireworks.

At one gas station in Alabama, a man in front of me bought an assortment of items, which totaled at \$6.66. The clerk forced him to buy a Now and Later to change the total, because as we all know, 666 is the mark of the dark lord, Satan. She then began to talk to me about the pending Judgment Day and how she was pretty sure she was going to be chilling with God while all of us sinners were burning in a fiery pool of damnation. Maybe she should ask him for some teeth.

Despite all the fun I had, I had a small moment of terror that I would like to share with you, because we’re friends, and that’s what friends do. On the way home, I received a text message from an unknown number that said, “Why is there porn on my phone from your Web site?” Now, this text raised a number of questions. The first being, “Who the hell is this?” The second was how it would even be possible for me to transfer pornographic material to someone’s phone without them knowing, from a Web site that does not exist. Despite the boggling logistics of that question, I asked who it was, to which they replied, “Who else?” Great.

I asked again, insisting that I really had no idea who it was. They said: “You know, that boy who has a crush on you in the business office.” At this point, I started to become fairly creeped out and started to consider if I was going to get home and this person was going to be in my bed with all my clothes on, playing with a doll made of my hair.

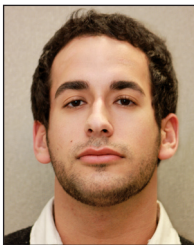
To make myself feel better, I convinced myself that this guy had tried to acquire a girl’s number and she didn’t have the heart to say, “ew, you’re gross,” so she gave him my number as a fake. This was a much better scenario for me than a murderous stalker. I decided to ask whether or not the person knew who I was, to which he replied: “When are you getting back, rockzo?”

For the love of God, this can’t be happening. Creepatron 5000 knows who I am and now they have a pet name for me — I had a panic attack the size of Catholicism.

After a couple of minutes of severe terror, I realized that it was actually my friend who text messaged me and I have no idea why he decided to call me “rockzo.”

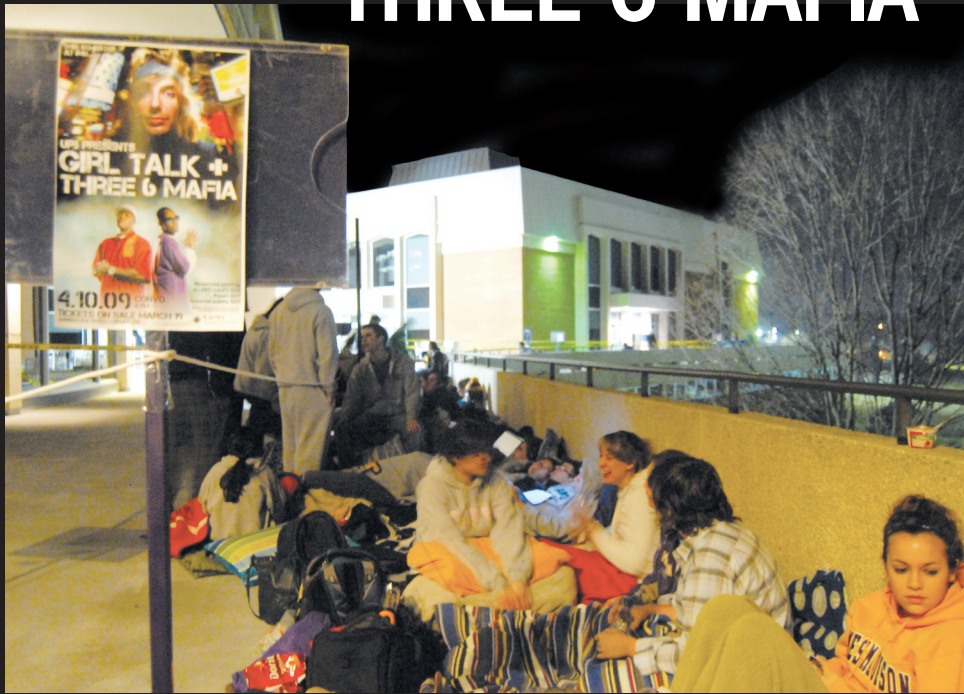
All in all, if I brought any lessons home from Spring Break, it’s that I will never have a daughter. If I do, she will stay home every Spring Break, wearing turtle-necks every day of her life.

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MICHAEL LARRICK

UP ALL NIGHT FOR THREE 6 MAFIA



MICHAEL EASTHAM/contributing photographer

Students lined up at 12 a.m. on Thursday for Three 6 Mafia and Girl Talk tickets. They came with sleeping bags and blankets. Tickets went on sale at 8 a.m. in Warren Hall.

Student peak

What do you do when the weather is nice?

“I like to hang out outside and take naps on the Quad.”

- Janessa Muraco, junior, Italian & Spanish



“I like to go driving around with the windows down and catch some fresh air.”

- Telmyr Lee, junior, SMAD



“I like to play sports like basketball, football and baseball outside.”

- Marc Peters, senior, technical and scientific communication



— BY JESS GODBY

BLUESTONE: Sculptors Work On Arts Center

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the stone as “Stonewall Gray,” it’s trademarked name, after Civil War Gen. “Stonewall” Jackson whose home was built using the limestone.

“I like the color of the bluestone because it’s neither too light nor dark but it gives a sense of comfort within it,” junior Patrick Keane said. “The texture of it is 3-D; I could get a grasp of it, get a feel of it.”

The distinctive stone and its chiseled texture stand out during campus tours and separates JMU’s campus from others.

“The architecture is... definitely attracted me to it when I came to visit for CHOICES last year,” freshman Rachel Skolnick said. “A lot of other schools that I saw kind of just looked kind of drab. It makes it a warmer atmosphere.”

Dismissing concerns of whether there will be enough stone to cover the large Performing Arts Center, Kanagy said, “There’s plenty, as long as Frazier keeps quarrying it out.”

‘We Come Too Far to Turn Back Now, I Hope We Make It’



AMY GWALTNEY/The Breeze



MICHAEL EASTHAM/contributing photographer

Students waited in the early hours of Thursday morning to buy tickets to the Spring Convo Show, which will take place April 10.

Group Pays for Girl Talk Concert Damages

Daily Collegian, Penn State

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Damages to the HUB-Robeson Center during the Dec. 11 Girl Talk concert have been paid for by the concert’s organizers, Students Organizing the Multiple Arts.

SOMA Vice President Danny Michelson said the student group was asked to pay \$100 for the damages, which included a broken door to the entrance of Alumni Hall, a toppled newspaper rack and damage to one of the HUB’s pillars.

“It wasn’t as expensive as we thought it would be,” Michelson said. “We got that taken care of immediately.”

Those following the Girl Talk situation in December might recall that rumors about the concert spread well before the concert was even confirmed. About 2,000 people — some of them not Penn State students — attended the concert, which was held in a room intended for 1,200. Several concertgoers were taken to Mount Nittany Medical Center with minor injuries.

Michelson said the damage was paid in January. SOMA President Tim Knapton said the other repercussion SOMA had to face was a meeting with HUB officials about security for future events and what procedures would have to take place.

“They sort of shook their finger at us

and said to make sure you actually do the right thing next time,” Knapton said. “There were no bad feelings or anything like that. I think everybody knew it was something so unexpected that it was hard to handle quickly. But we weren’t punished. ... We’re still allowed to operate like normal.”

Knapton said SOMA is working on being more cautious with its information to avoid similar scenarios in the future.

“Now it’s more about making sure we can deliver the stuff that we’re pushing for. I know a lot of people had found out about Girl Talk before we even finished the contract,” Knapton said.

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Setting a New Standard



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Freshman point guard Devon Moore led the Dukes to a victory over Mount Saint Mary's on Wednesday, as JMU advances to the quarterfinals of the CollegeInsider.com Tournament at Liberty tonight. Moore scored a career-high 21 points in the opening round against the Mount.

Dukes go for most wins since 1991-92

By **TIM CHAPMAN**
The Breeze

While JMU coach Matt Brady said Wednesday's postseason win over Mount Saint Mary's just felt like a regular-season home game, he knows tonight is different.

For the first-year coach, there's a lot on the line tonight in Lynchburg at 7 p.m.

"I think 21 wins will be an extremely significant number for this group," Brady said. "It would be our eighth true road win, it

would be a game late in March. All those things are really positive things."

The Dukes (20-14) might be in the fourth-best postseason tournament in the country, but a win at Liberty (23-11) in the second round of the CollegeInsider.com Tournament (CIT) will be no easy feat.

The Flames are coming off a 79-64 dismantling of Rider in the first round, which improved their home record to 15-2.

One of those home wins came in a 69-66 overtime victory over Colonial Athletic Association runner-up George Mason. Before that, Liberty beat William & Mary 80-74 in overtime at home.

Brady expects a raucous crowd as Liberty and leading scorer Seth Curry (20.6 points per game) look to beat a third CAA team at home.

"I think that we're walking into a potential big-time atmosphere," Brady said.

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CollegeInsider.com Tournament tests viability of upstart postseason tourneys

By **MATTHEW MCGOVERN and AMY GWALTNEY**
The Breeze

In the last two years, men's college basketball has seen the birth of two 16-team postseason tournaments: the College Basketball Invitational (CBI) following the 2007-08 regular season, and the CollegeInsider.com Tournament (CIT) this season.

Some major-conference schools have shunned the opportunity to play in these alternatives to the NCAAs and NIT. But for teams like James Madison — which has struggled to revive its program for the greater part of a decade — the opportunity to play in any postseason tournament was a welcomed one.

JMU (20-14) is playing a CIT quarterfinal game tonight at Liberty, after the Dukes picked up their first postseason win

since 1983 against Mount Saint Mary's last Wednesday. Despite an attendance of just 1,176, JMU was able to reach the 20-win mark for the first time since the 1999-2000 season, thanks to the inaugural CIT.

"Our ultimate goal is the NCAAs or the NIT, but these tournaments [the CBI and CIT] do a nice job of affording young teams the opportunity to get better," JMU athletic director Jeff Bourne said in an interview Saturday. "... And when you look at where we are this year with this program and with this team, I think that Insider tournament does a nice job for us."

JMU had to pay CollegeInsider.com \$28,500 to host its CIT home game, but traveling expenses are paid for by the tournament organizers. As such, the Dukes will have no travel expenses for tonight's game. If JMU wins, its next game

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'Not a Girl Fight'

JMU student wins her MMA debut

By **TIM CHAPMAN**
The Breeze

Emily Dubas swears she'd never start a fight with anyone — outside of a cage, that is.

At 5-foot-5 and 124 pounds, this thin James Madison University sophomore would catch some people off guard with her blonde ponytail, perfect smile and soft-spoken voice.

When she showed up Friday to weigh in for her first ever Mixed Martial Arts fight, one of the Battle of the Burg promoters wasn't too sure.

The West Chester, Pa., native politely wished her opponent good luck in a promotional video for Saturday's fight. The promoter questioned her toughness, hoping for a little trash talk from Dubas.

"I turn it on," she said with more assertiveness.

And *did* she.

After three grueling 3-minute rounds, Dubas bloodied the face of Mary Scott, a sophomore at Christopher Newport University, earning a unanimous decision from the three judges at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds.

"I felt pretty calm the whole time," Dubas said. "I just waited for

the openings. I don't think there was an exact turning point and I just had to stay focused and when there was something that I saw open I took it."

If the roar of the fans was any measure of the turning point, then a second-round kick to Scott's face shattered the meter. Dubas, who trains three days a week with the JMU Tae Kwon Do club, waited patiently for an opening to bring her right foot high.

In the first round Dubas took the brunt of the action as Scott spent a majority of the round in mount, raining left and rights to the face. The referee told Dubas she had to do something or he was going to call the fight.

Dubas got off her back, returning to her feet and exploding in the last 10 seconds to connect on four punches to Scott's face.

When "she was on her feet she was doing fine," said Jonathan Price, Dubas' trainer. "When she got on the ground... she got a little scared."

She looked anything but scared in the second round. Dubas allowed Scott to approach her corner, in order to keep the fight within earshot of Price's instructions.

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JESSICA DODDS/The Breeze

JMU junior right fielder Matt Browning (4) had two doubles in Sunday's 2-1 loss to Northeastern.

Offense Falters in Finale

By **WES SHAW**
The Breeze

On Sunday, JMU's half of the sixth inning began as promising as it did the day before, when the Dukes' bats came alive for 11 runs on 15 hits.

However, Northeastern centerfielder David Gustafson made a play when he had to, and when no one in the JMU dugout expected him to, and the Huskies held on to defeat Madison 2-1 Sunday in JMU's worst offensive output of the season.

After first baseman Trevor Knight walked to lead off the inning, left fielder Matt Townsend gave the Dukes the clutch hit they had been looking for all game. His liner found the gap in left center, advancing Knight to third, but Townsend was caught at second as he tried to stretch it into a double.

JMU, now 14-9 on the season, planned to be aggressive on the basepaths Sunday, especially on

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WEEKEND ACTION

Softball Opens CAA Season with Series Victory over Hens

JMU softball won its CAA-opening series this weekend against Delaware. The Dukes and Blue Hens split a doubleheader on Saturday, with Madison winning the deciding game on Sunday.

JMU took a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning of game one. Delaware came back to win with a run in the bottom of the first and three more in the bottom of the second. Senior Jenny Clohan took the complete game, 4-3 loss.

Sophomore Katie Spitzer drove in all of the Dukes' runs as she hit a two-out, three-RBI double. JMU got runners in scoring position in three of the last five innings but were unable to score a tying run.

Madison won the second game 6-4 in nine innings. Clohan picked up the win in three innings of relief.

After falling behind 4-3 again, the Dukes tied the game in the top of the seventh on a sacrifice fly by junior Courtney Simons.

JMU added two in the top of the ninth before Clohan retired the side in the bottom half of the inning to seal the 6-4 victory.

Junior centerfielder led off the inning with a single and proceeded to steal second after a Kaitlyn Wernsing groundout. Wernsing had scored the game-tying run in the seventh. Junior first baseman Shannon Moxey drove in Dyson for the game winner on a two out single. Simons added an insurance run by driving in Moxey on a double.

In Sunday's rubber match, Spitzer delivered the game-winning RBI in the fifth. Her two out double drove in two runs. Moxey added an RBI double to complete the 5-3 win. Senior Meredith Felts picked up the complete game victory, her seventh of the year. Madison is now 16-6 on the year.

Lacrosse Loses 10-9

JMU lacrosse fell at Loyola on Saturday, 10-9. The loss drops the Dukes to 4-3 on the year. Sophomore Cara Filippelli scored the game-winner for the Greyhounds with 4:57 left.

Freshman midfielder Ashley Kimener led Madison with a hat trick. Each of her three goals tied the score, including one with 8 minutes, nine seconds left that tied the game at 9-9.

The Greyhounds switched goalies at halftime and freshman Kerry Stoothoff made five saves in the second half. JMU led 3-2 at that point.

Head coach Shelley Klaes-Bawcombe also switched goalies at the 21:54 mark of the second half. Loyola was ahead 6-4 at this point following Filippelli's second goal. Freshman Alex Menghetti allowed six goals while junior Morgan Kelly allowed four with two saves.

Kim Griffin had a goal and an assist in the first half, but JMU's junior midfielder was unable to tie the game in the final minutes. Stoothoff saved shots by Griffin and Kimener with 86 and 29 seconds left, respectively.

Women's Tennis Wins at Longwood, Improves to 6-6

Women's tennis wrapped up a third consecutive win for the Dukes this weekend at Longwood with a 6-1 victory.

Junior Rebecca Erickson paired up with freshman Leah DeMasters to take an 8-4 win against Jackie Esguerra and Zsafia Jakab of Longwood. The doubles team including Anna Khoor and junior Kelly Maxwell earned JMU an early 1-0 lead in the match with a 8-0 decision.

Freshman Kinsey Pate and sophomore Kristin Nimitz picked up the No. 1 and No. 3 wins in singles play, while Khoor, DeMasters and Maxwell each added singles victories for a total of five wins.

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CIT: Cheaper Alternative to the CBI

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will likely be an away game as well.

So while Bourne acknowledges that JMU lost money by hosting its CIT game — the final accounting hasn't been done, so he declined to give an estimate of the net financial cost — he sees it as an investment for more than one game.

"You have to look at it from the standpoint of 'We're gonna be playing two games now at least,'" Bourne said. "And so when we determine ... after the final accounting's done, we'll take the net cost for whatever it cost us, and we'll factor those two games in and in essence, you've gotten at least two games for that price."

JMU coach Matt Brady says that he would rather play additional games on the road, in order to get his young team crucial experience in hostile environments.

"That was by mutual agreement between myself and Jeff Bourne and the CIT," Brady said. "We've got something out of this already, and now if we're going to play more games, then challenge us with road games. Because I think we can grow as much from that as we can playing home games at this point."

While the CIT has a \$28,500 price tag for hosting games, the CBI charges \$60,000. Both tournaments provide for the visiting team's travel expenses.

However, another major difference is that the CBI has an actual bracket to determine matchups, while the CIT evaluates matchups following each round of play, letting geographic considerations greatly factor into the decision. This consideration is intended to minimize missed class time and inconvenience on traveling schools.

"College Insider certainly wanted to make sure that it was affordable for teams," said David Adelman, CIT selection committee member. "So certainly, there was definitely some talk that \$60,000 was maybe a little above and beyond what would be affordable for certain programs."

The lower price tag of hosting games in the CIT led at least one school to choose it over the CBI. Bradley, which competed in the CBI following the 2007-08 regular season, again had the chance to participate this year but chose an invitation from the CIT instead.

"We do think that the [hosting fee] structure of this tournament compared to the College Basketball Invitational, which we played in last year, does provide us a better opportunity to at least break even and not take a financial loss on the tournament," said Bobby Parker, associate athletic director at Bradley in Peoria, Ill.

As far as competitiveness, the CBI has a slight edge in quality of teams.

The second-year event has a higher average Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) than the CIT (108.8 vs. 130.9), but has also demonstrated a willingness to take teams with losing records — as long as they are from BCS conferences. Oregon State (13-17) and St. John's (16-17) both fit that characterization this season.

The creation of the CBI last year showed the college basketball community that it can do more than merely say that postseason play should be expanded. Those willing to take action are capable of organizing postseason events without sanction from the NCAA, as demonstrated by the CBI and the CIT.

The CIT has given JMU an opportunity to develop more "synergy," as stated by both Bourne and Brady, and the CBI and the CIT have much to offer talented young teams. Whether or not JMU would accept an invitation to the CIT next year would depend on a number of factors, but one thing Bourne and Brady agree on is this: The tournament is giving JMU valuable experience, and positioning the program for a continued rise.

"I think that this is kind of the standard that we hope to hold ourselves up to, 20 wins and postseason play," Brady said. "And so I think next year's team will have to make it 'til March and create its own path."

LIBERTY: Hosts JMU Tonight in Lynchburg

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"I mean, they're going to be laying in the bushes waiting to try and get us here."

"For an in-state school that's had a good season [against] a more prestigious conference than they play in, you know, I think it's something they're real eager to play JMU. We need to be able to match their energy."

The Dukes' much-improved defense from a year ago will be tested by Liberty's four-guard offense, which isn't afraid to light it up from the perimeter.

The Flames average more than nine 3-pointers a game, led by Curry (the freshman brother of Davidson phenom Stephen Curry) and his 102 treys on the year.

"We may be forced to match up a little bit and play smaller than we ever have," Brady said, "because of the fact that they spread you out so much and shoot so many 3s."

Brady said Friday that senior forward Juwann James will be a game-time decision after severely bruising his thumb in JMU's first-round game.

MMA: Dubas 'Turns it On' in the Cage

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Scott forced Dubas against the cage, but received two stern kicks to the solar plexus, the pit of the stomach. Dubas then delivered a barrage of right-and-left-hand combinations before cracking her right foot on Scott's jaw.

Scott, who adds at least 10 more pounds of muscle than Dubas, tried desperately in the last two rounds to just hold Dubas tight and not leave any space for jabs, hooks or kicks.

"She's got a good right hand," Scott said. "All props to her. But every time she's got a good hand, I've got a good

heart. And every time my head went backwards I knew there was no way I was going down."

The Lexington native, who trains in Virginia Beach, didn't go down, but the third round was much of the same.

By the final bell Scott's nose was bleeding heavily, while the victorious Dubas escaped with a small cut above her left eye and a small bruise on her forehead.

"You don't really feel anything out there, like you really don't," Dubas said. "You're just so focused on what you have to do that getting hit or hurting yourself

is not an issue at all."

Price, who also instructs the JMU Tae Kwon Do club, was most pleased with the fight's ability to dispel stereotypes of women's mixed martial arts.

"In a nutshell, the thing about the fight I'm most happy about was it was a representation of athleticism, not a girl fight," Price said. "That was huge because these ladies deserve respect 'cause they work their butts off."

■ Go to breezejmu.org for a recap of JMU freshman Herman Brar's fight, which he lost in the first round.

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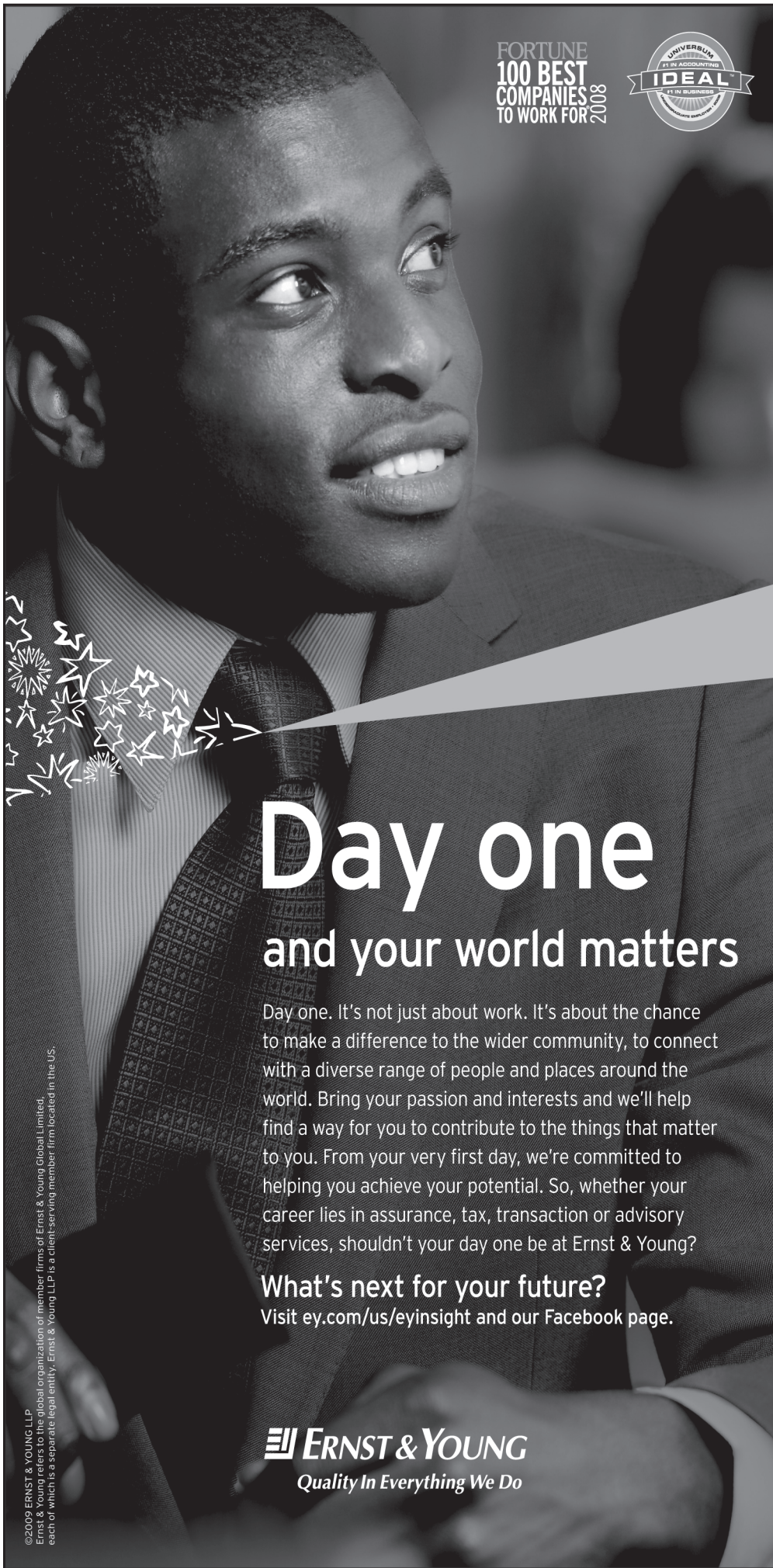
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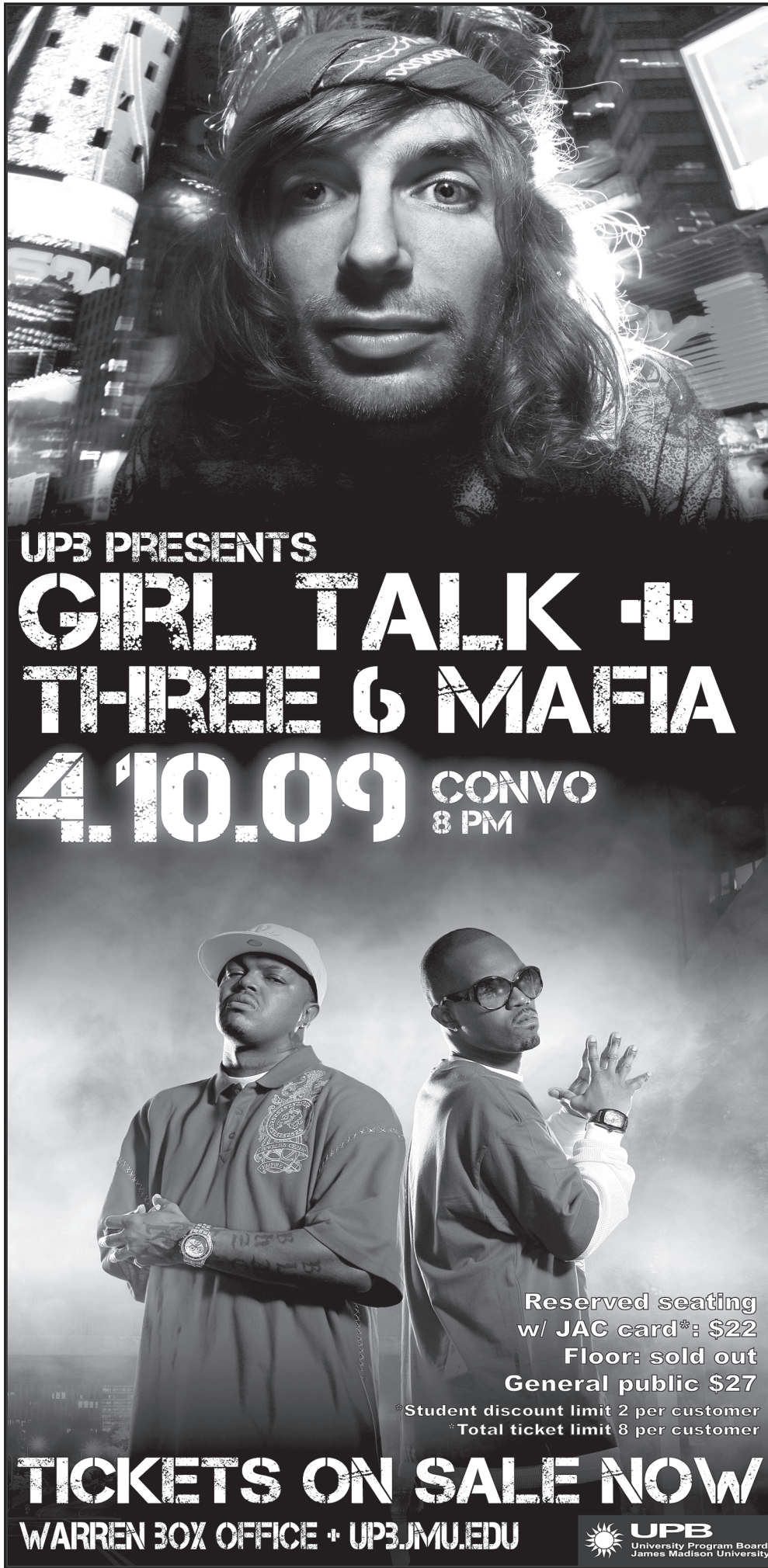
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BASEBALL: Dukes Take Two of Three From Northeastern

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hits to the outfield, as Northeastern's outfielders' arms had been inconsistent throughout the weekend series.

"We knew their arms were shaky in the outfield and we kept tellin' our guys to take extra bases," JMU coach Spanky McFarland said. "But the guy made a play."

"I like the fact that it was an aggressive mistake, and I'm OK with that. It took a perfect

throw and [Gustafson] hadn't thrown a ball near a bag all weekend."

Townsend's out immediately cost the Dukes. Rightfielder Matt Browning doubled two batters later, plating Knight and advancing shortstop David Herbek to third. Herbek, the CAA's leading run producer, was walked the batter before.

Hoping to find the same sixth-inning heroics they enjoyed the day before, the Dukes were on their feet in the dugout dawning rally caps as

the bottom of the sixth began.

After Browning's double, third baseman McKinnon Langston and catcher Jake Lowery both struck out swinging, ending JMU's threat with the score tied 1-1.

Freshman Evan Scott threw five and 2/3 innings for the Dukes, surrendering just three hits and one earned run while recording six strikeouts.

Scott, who was drafted in the 37th round of

the MLB draft last June by the Los Angeles Angels, remains at 2-2 on the season, cleared of responsibility after the Dukes scored in the sixth.

"Evan did a nice job," McFarland said of his freshman pitcher. "He had a couple pitches up in the zone that they hit pretty hard, but other than that he was able to work his way out of trouble."

Senior lefthander Justin Wood took the loss after being charged for Northeastern's game-winning run in the top of the eighth.

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Question: *I am a senior at JMU and will be graduating in May. Through out the years I have acquired some not-so-good eating habits. I drink a lot of sodas and coffee drinks; I also eat a lot of fast foods and snacks; and I drink some beers on the weekend. How can I leave these habits behind as I leave college?*

Answer: You seem to be consuming a lot of "empty" calories and not enough foods containing healthy vitamins and minerals. No, empty calories are not foods that contain zero calories - just the opposite - these foods are high in calories but low in nutritional value. Too many unnecessary "empty" calories can cause unwanted weight gain and may lead to obesity or other chronic diseases.

So, the question is, what foods and beverages are the major contributors to these empty calories? Anything with a high sugar or fat content is usually the biggest culprit when it comes to empty calories.

The biggest contributors are not from foods, but from beverages. Coke contains 144 calories and about 12 teaspoons per 12 ounces. Put that same beverage in a red Solo cup and it's up to 240 calories (20 oz). Most people don't take into consideration the calories those fancy coffee drinks contain. Starbucks' Iced Caffé Mocha has about 28 grams of sugar, 320 calories and a grande Caffé Vanilla Frappuccino® Blended Coffee has a whopping 60 grams of sugar and 420 calories.

Alcoholic beverages also contribute unwanted calories, which could even result in the infamous "beer belly". An average 6 light beers a week for a month will add about 2,600 calories alone, which could contribute to a weight gain of about a pound a month. Most people think that drinking liquor like vodka

or rum could save them a couple of calories but for an 80-proof 1.5 oz shot is about 100 calories, the same as a light beer. It can add up!

When it comes to food, empty calories are found in foods that are loaded with trans and saturated fats - French fries, potato chips, fried chicken, cookies, high-fat crackers and most fast food options. These foods are high in fat and high in calories since fat has more than two times the calories (9 calories/gram) than carbohydrates or protein (4 calories/gram).

Kudos to you for wanting to make healthier choices. Here are some ideas. Eliminating sodas can save a lot of calories. Many coffee and tea drinks have "light" versions. Limit your alcohol. Consider drinking more water to replace those other caloric beverages.

As for food, try baking or grilling foods instead of frying them. If you are eating out or running through the fast food drive through, look for healthier options like salads or grilled chicken sandwiches, stick with smaller portions of the regular menu items and choose the fruit cup instead of the French fries.

Refined grains like crackers, cookies, white rice and white bread should be replaced by whole grains which are packed with beneficial fiber and antioxidants.

Increasing your intake of fruits and vegetables is one of the best ways to get the vitamins and minerals your body needs.

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**By: Julia Barraclough, Nutrition Intern
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